



# Lylburn Downing Middle School

*Learning...Dedication...Mastery...Success*

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year at Lylburn Downing Middle School! It is my pleasure to welcome you to this school year and I have high hopes that this will be a fantastic year. I am proud to work in the Lexington City Schools where the faculty, staff and administration care so deeply about the students they teach.

I will be teaching your son or daughter 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade science this year. I am very excited to have the opportunity to inspire my students in the area of science. Science increases our knowledge for the world around us and helps us expand our understandings through new discoveries.

One idea I would like to implement this year is to have people in the local community involved in STEM fields periodically visit my classroom to talk to the students about their science profession in terms of what they specifically do and how they got into their field of science. The goal is to make students aware of the vast career possibilities in STEM fields and inspire the next generation. If you are a parent or guardian who is involved in some way in a STEM field (or know a good recommendation!) then please contact me with your details and I will be in touch. I have done this in the past with classes at my previous schools and find that it is always a rewarding, worthwhile experience for everyone involved.

It is my hope that you will join with us to make this a successful year for all. If you should have any questions, comments or concerns, then please feel free to contact me at Lylburn Downing Middle School. The school phone number is 540-463-3532 and the best time to reach me is during my planning period during 4<sup>th</sup> period (10:56-12:13). In addition, I can be reached by email anytime at [aswenty@lexedu.org](mailto:aswenty@lexedu.org). Please don't hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to hearing from you and working together to inspire your child in the area of science!

All the very best,

Anna Swenty